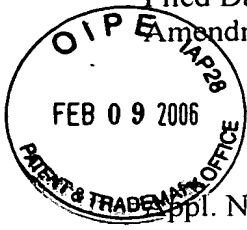


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In response to the Office communication mailed herein on 10/05/2005, please amend the above-identified as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** – page 2 following;

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